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For: **A METHOD FOR THE PROTECTION OF GERMINATING SEED AND PESTICIDE-  
COATED PELLETS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in Response to the Official Action dated March 26, 2003. The Official Action has a three (3)-month shortened statutory period for response. Thus, the deadline for filing a Response to the Official Action is June 26, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are currently pending in the present application. The claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious